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| For: Methods for Sterilizing Biological |) | |
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants petition the Examiner to consider this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced Application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe a fee is due for filing this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

With the exception of U.S. Patents, copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed documents constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

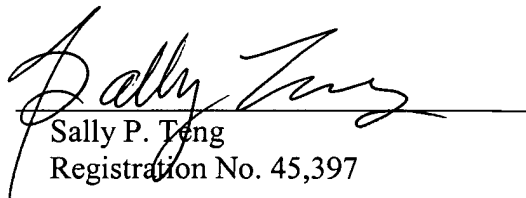
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